

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 491

To amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2001

Mr. GILMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Filipino Veterans
5 Equity Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN SERVICE IN THE ORGANIZED MILITARY**
2 **FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHIL-**
3 **IPPINE SCOUTS DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE**
4 **SERVICE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking out “not” after “Army of
9 the United States, shall”; and

10 (B) by striking out “, except benefits
11 under—” and all that follows in that subsection
12 and inserting in lieu thereof a period;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) by striking out “not” after “Armed
15 Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945
16 shall”; and

17 (B) by striking out “except—” and all that
18 follows in that subsection and inserting in lieu
19 thereof a period; and

20 (3) by striking out the subsection (c) inserted
21 by section 501 of H.R. 5482 of the 106th Congress,
22 as introduced on October 18, 2000, and enacted into
23 law by Public Law 106–377, and the subsection (c)
24 inserted by section 332(a)(2) of the Veterans Bene-
25 fits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000
26 (Public Law 106–419).

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading
 2 of such section is amended to read as follows:

3 **“§ 107. Certain service deemed to be active service:**
 4 **service in organized military forces of the**
 5 **Philippines and in the Philippine**
 6 **Scouts”.**

7 (2) The item relating to such section in the table of
 8 sections at the beginning of chapter 1 of such title is
 9 amended to read as follows:

“107. Certain service deemed to be active service: service in organized military
 forces of the Philippines and in the Philippine Scouts.”.

10 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this
 12 Act shall take effect on January 1, 2002.

13 (b) APPLICABILITY.—No benefits shall accrue to any
 14 person for any period before the effective date of this Act
 15 by reason of the amendments made by this Act.

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